

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 6-14 as follows:

On the other hand, the blast treatment using the centrifugal blasting machine is widely used to conduct descaling treatment for hot-strip of stainless steel. According to the method, to blast the particles over a wide range on the steel sheet, centrifugal blasting machines are arranged so ~~as~~ that the line of intersection between the plane vertical to (perpendicular to) the rotation axis of the centrifugal rotor and the plane of the steel sheet ~~to~~ become becomes an angle near-vertical to the direction of travel of the steel sheet.

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 21 to page 21, line 14 as follows:

Fig. 6 shows the configuration of an apparatus for blasting solid particles using the centrifugal blasting machine of Fig. 5. The centrifugal blasting machine given shown in Fig. 5 corresponds to the centrifugal blasting machine 3 in Fig. 6. According to the embodiment of the

present invention, the section blasting solid particles, in the centrifugal blasting machine 3, is located in the blasting chamber 2, and forms a space surrounded by a partition to prevent scattering-out the blasted solid particles. Within the blasting chamber 2, the blasted solid particles collide against the surface of the steel sheet to leave dimple-shape dents thereon, then repel therefrom to spread in surrounding space. Many of the repelled particles fall down to the lower section of the blasting chamber 2 by gravity. In particular, most of the repelled particles are removed from the steel sheet by the air flow generated by the rotation of vane, and fall down into the lower section of the blasting chamber. The fallen particles are collected by a particle collecting device 8. The collected solid particles are fed to a classifier 6. The solid particles which are pulverized in the classifier 6 are removed from the circulation system, while other particles are stored in a storage tank 5.